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**STORE OWNER PLEADS GUILTY
TO POSSESSION OF CONTRABAND CIGARETTES**

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, announced today that **HAMMAD ALLAN** age 35, of 115 Croghan Way, Vine Grove, Kentucky plead guilty on November 20, 2006 to possession of contraband cigarettes.

Allan faces a maximum sentence of five years in federal prison, a \$250,000 fine, and up to three years on supervised release.

Allan admitted during his plea to possessing contraband cigarettes. On April 20, 2006 federal agents and detectives from the Louisville Metro Police Department executed a search warrant at **Allan's** business, Deal Masters, located at 6115 Blevins Gap Road, Louisville. During the search agents recovered 677 cartons of cigarettes which bore no Kentucky tax stamp, indicating that Kentucky cigarette taxes had not been paid.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Michael A. Bennett, and it was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

Allan is scheduled to be sentenced on February 23, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. in United States District Court in Louisville, Kentucky by Chief Judge John G. Heyburn, United States District Court.

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